

CHAPTER 2 LICENSURE

[Prior to 2/10/88, see Pharmacy Examiners[620] Ch 1]

657—2.1(147) Licensure examination dates. The board of pharmacy examiners, in conjunction with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), shall provide for the administration of pharmacist licensure examinations at various sites and intervals. Applications must be presented to the board at least 30 days before the test date or the beginning of any window of test dates.

657—2.2(147) Examination fee. The fee for examination shall consist of an administration fee and an examination registration fee. The administration fee shall be \$140, which includes \$100 for a biennial license, and shall be payable to the Iowa board of pharmacy examiners. No refunds of the \$40 administration fee shall be made for cancellations. The examination registration fee shall be an amount determined by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). The examination registration fee shall be payable to NABP in the form of a certified check, bank draft or money order. The administration fee and the examination registration fee must accompany the applications.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 147.94.

657—2.3(147) Notarized statement. The application for examination shall be made as a sworn statement.

657—2.4(147) Reexamination applications and fees. Each applicant for reexamination shall make a request on proper forms provided by the board. Administration fees of \$40 and \$20 will be charged to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the Federal Drug Law Exam (FDLE), respectively. In addition, candidates will be required to pay an examination registration fee. Payment of administration fees and examination registration fees shall be as described in rule 657—2.2(147).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 147.94.

657—2.5(147) Records preserved. All applications, with necessary statements or requests for reexamination, shall be preserved in the files of the board of pharmacy examiners.

657—2.6(147) Date of notice. Grades and certificates shall be mailed to each new licensee as soon after the examination as possible.

657—2.7(155A) Internship requirements. Each applicant must furnish to the board one or more supervising pharmacist's affidavit giving complete information covering internship experience in a pharmacy. Said experience must comply with the "Pharmacist-Intern Registration and Minimum Standards for Evaluating Practical Experience," as set forth in Chapter 4 of these rules.

657—2.8(155A) College graduate certification. Each applicant shall furnish a certificate from a recognized college of pharmacy stating that the applicant has successfully graduated from a school or college of pharmacy with either a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy or a doctor of pharmacy (Pharm. D.) degree. A recognized, approved or accredited college of pharmacy is an institution which meets the minimum standards of the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education and appears on its list of accredited colleges of pharmacy as published by the council as of July 1 of each year.

657—2.9(155A) Application for examination—requirements. On each application for examination, the applicant must provide the following: name; address; telephone number; mother's maiden name; date of birth; social security number; name and location of college of pharmacy and date of graduation; two current identical photos; and internship experience. In addition each applicant must declare the following: history of prior licensure examinations and record of offenses including but not limited to charges, convictions, and fines which may affect the licensee's ability to practice pharmacy.

657—2.10(155A) Examination subjects.

2.10(1) Applicants shall take the following components: the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) with a passing score of no less than 75. Applicants shall also take the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Federal Drug Law Examination (FDLE) with a passing score of no less than 75. Applicants shall also take the Iowa Drug Law Examination (IDLE) with a passing score of no less than 75 percent.

2.10(2) To be eligible for a license by examination, the candidate must pass all components in Iowa within a period of three years beginning with the date the candidate passed an initial component.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.8.

657—2.11(155A) Transfer of exam scores.

2.11(1) The board of pharmacy examiners will accept NAPLEX scores transferred from another state board of pharmacy through NABP in lieu of the applicant's taking NAPLEX in Iowa. Score transfer candidates shall be required to meet the standards established in rule 2.10(155A) within 12 months of the date of transfer.

2.11(2) A \$40 fee will be charged when NAPLEX scores are transferred. In addition, the current renewal fee will be charged at the time of licensure.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.8.

657—2.12(155A) Foreign pharmacy graduates.

2.12(1) Any applicant who is a graduate of a school or college of pharmacy located outside the United States, which has not been recognized and approved by the board but who is otherwise qualified to apply for a license to practice pharmacy in Iowa shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of Iowa Code section 155A.5, subsection 1, by verification to the board of the applicant's academic record and graduation. Each applicant shall have successfully passed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE) given by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission established by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy which examination is hereby recognized and approved by the board. Each applicant shall also demonstrate proficiency in English by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) given by the educational testing service which examination is hereby recognized and approved by the board. Both the FPGEE and TOEFL exams are prerequisites to taking the licensure examination required in Iowa Code section 155A.5, subsection 3.

2.12(2) Foreign pharmacy graduate applicants shall also be required to obtain 1500 hours of internship experience in a community or hospital pharmacy licensed by the board. Internship requirements shall, in all other aspects, meet the requirements established under Chapter 4 of board rules.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 155A.5 and 155A.9.

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